STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE 2004 DAMAGE CONTROL AEL REVISION

DAMAGE CONTROL AELs provide the allowance requirements for DAMAGE CONTROL EQUIPMENT onboard USN surface ships. The 2004 revised AELs have been updated to remove obsolete equipment, increase allowances for certain equipment, and add new equipment. Implementation of 2004 revised AELs will require overall planning and coordination by the Damage Control Assistant (DCA) and the Leading Damage Controlman.

1. Enclosure (5) is a summary of the DC AEL changes. It explains what to do with deleted items and briefly describes what equipment has been or will be deleted/added to individual kits. Remove equipment as replacement equipment is received or identified as obsolete without replacement. Notes on AELs provide amplifying information concerning which equipment is deleted without replacement and will be replaced as funding becomes available.

2. Discard all hard copies of previous AEL updates. Provide one complete copy to the Supply Officer. Mark one complete copy of AELs "Master Copy" and file in the DCA's Admin Section.

3. Take your hard copy of the 2004 DC AELs and separate the parent AEL DAMAGE CONTROL REPAIR STATION (DCRS) AEL, DAMAGE CONTROL UNIT LOCKERS (DCUL), DAMAGE CONTROL UNIT PATROL STATION (DCUPS), DC RESCUE & ASSISTANCE /RENTRY LOCKER (DCREL) and KIT AELs as applicable to your ship class and make one (1) copy for each DCRS and DC Central.

4. Provide one three-ring binder for each DCRS and DC Central. Combine and insert the parent/Kit AELs and Inventory Aid Booklet in the binder as described below. Refer to Enclosure (2) for Index of all AELs; this is a good guide to the AEL numbers.

   • Insert 3 DCRS Parent AEL equipment section of the Inventory Aid Booklet in front of your Parent DC AEL. Hint- Inventory Aid Booklet 3 DCRS section is the same for ship classes.

   • Insert the ADAPTERS KIT section from the Inventory Aid Booklet in front of the ADAPTERS KIT AEL. Continue this procedure until all kit AELs have been inserted in the Inventory Aid Booklet binder. Label each book and maintain in each respective DCRS and DC Central. This binder helps in maintaining your DC equipment inventory by displaying items in the same order as listed on the AELs.

5. Utilize the DAMAGE CONTROL OPERATING SPACE ITEMS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DCOSIMS) computer disk as an automated tool in managing your DAMAGE CONTROL EQUIPMENT ASSETS on board. The DCOSIMS software will be updated to reflect the 2004 DC AEL Revision.

6. For a summary explanations of additions, deletions and changes refer to Enclosure (5).

7. If you want to learn how to read your AELs, refer to Enclosure (1).

8. Parts I and II of Enclosure (2) show examples of AEL types. Notes on AELs provide information on funding data. New equipment upgrades and additions will be provided, as funding is available. NAVSEA will inform all commands by message as each item is funded. For Index of DCRS Parent AELs, DCUL/DCUPS/ DCREL AELs and Kit AELs refer to Enclosure (2), Part III - V.

Refer to Enclosure (3) to learn "How to read equipment line item information on an AEL". This explains column layout and how to decode the data contained in an NSN, and defines the abbreviations used for units of issue. This is helpful when ordering DC Equipment items.